

What PUBLIC LIBRARIES do for teens

from the Public Library Association's 2017 PLDS Statistical Report

BASICS/BACKGROUND

According to the 2015 US census, there are

OVER 41 MILLION

young people in the U.S. between the ages of 10-18



There are more

PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE U.S.

than McDonald's restaurants or Starbucks.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

72%

of public libraries offer summer reading and learning programs for youth

94%

of public libraries offer afterschool programs including career planning & computer skills

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

46 PERCENT

of public libraries offer teens **LEADERSHIP ROLES** via Teen Advisory Groups

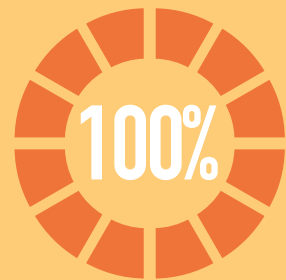
COMMUNITY SUPPORT

90%

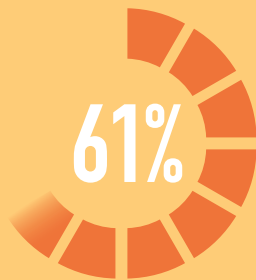
of public libraries **OFFER TECH TRAINING**

97%

OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES offer a dedicated section for teen books and materials.



of libraries provide Internet access



of public libraries have a special section on their web site for teens

70%

of public libraries provide support to youth serving organizations in their community

73%

of public libraries made visits to schools to distribute resources & library cards